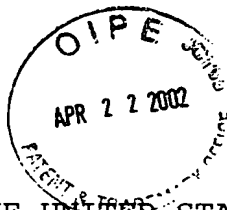


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To the best knowledge of the undersigned, no First Office Action has been mailed in this application.

Japanese Patent Application JP 10 188538 (Sony Corp.) apparently relates to a reading device for identification information of recording medium cartridge, recording and reproducing apparatus using the same, and information management apparatus.


U.S. Patent No. 6,084,736 (Kurokawa, et al.) is the corresponding patent family member to the above cited Japanese patent.

European Patent Publication No. 0 785 547 A2 (Green) apparently relates to a unique and permanent identifier for optical media.

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